

On the question being put, Will the house adopt said amendment? It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Nicholas moved to refer the bill to the consideration of the next general assembly? Determined in the negative.

The said bill was then read the second time as amended, passed, and sent to the senate.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the clerk of Anne-Arundel county court, relative to the several sums of money paid by him into the western shore treasury within the year ending on the 30th November; which was read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the report of the committee on ways and means on the statements of sundry county clerks, the clerk of Baltimore city court, the state tobacco inspectors, and the registers of the land office for the western and eastern shores, was taken up for consideration and read the second time.

When on motion by Mr. Tilghman, said report was re-committed.

Mr. Dalrymple submitted the following message; which was read, assented to, and sent to the senate:

By the House of Delegates,
February 16, 1831.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

Believing from the state of the business now before us that we can close the session on Saturday the 19th inst. we propose therefore, with the concurrence of your honourable body, to adjourn on that day sine die.

By order,

G. G. Brewer, Clk.

Mr. Dalrymple submitted the following order; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table:

Ordered, That the committee on claims close the journal of accounts up to Monday, 21st inst. inclusive.

The bill reported by Mr. Chapman entitled, An act to regulate fees on executions, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day, the house proceeded to consider the bill reported by Mr. Brawner, entitled, An act relating to the manumission of slaves in this state.

On motion by Mr. Brawner, the first section of the bill was amended by adding at the end thereof the following pro-